

or in the election of any officer by said board of aldermen, he shall have the right to vote, but shall not be allowed to vote in any other case. If he shall be absent at any such meeting the board of aldermen may appoint one of their own number to exercise *pro tempore* his duties at such meeting; and in the event of his extended absence the board of aldermen may appoint one of their own number to exercise *pro tempore* his duties, both at the meetings of the board of aldermen and in the mayor's court, as well as elsewhere. But nothing herein provided shall be construed to require or allow the appointment of a mayor *pro tempore* in case except where the vice-mayor shall also be absent or unable to discharge the duties of mayor.

Mayor *pro tempore*.

SEC. 24. The aldermen of said city shall form one body to be known as the board of aldermen, and a majority of them shall constitute a quorum and be competent to perform all the duties prescribed for the board of aldermen, unless otherwise provided.

Board of aldermen.

SEC. 25. The board of aldermen shall convene at the mayor's office on the third Monday in May of each year for the transaction of business, and at such meeting shall designate stated days for its meeting until the third Monday in May thereafter next ensuing, and such meetings shall be provided for and held at least once a week. Special meetings of the board of aldermen may be held at any other time than that designated for a regular meeting on call of the mayor or of a majority of the aldermen, and of every such meeting, when called by the mayor, all the aldermen then in said city shall be notified, and when called by a majority of the aldermen, such aldermen as are in the city and do not join in the call shall be notified.

Meetings.

Special meetings.

SEC. 26. Any alderman who shall fail to attend a regular meeting of the board of aldermen, or fail to attend any special meeting thereof of which he shall have notice as hereinbefore prescribed, shall forfeit and pay for every such failure the sum of four dollars for the use of said city, and if the same shall not be paid the amount thereof shall be deducted from the next installment of his salary as alderman thereafter becoming due; but the board of aldermen may, for good cause shown satisfactory to it, excuse any such failure and remit any such penalty at any time before the same shall be paid or deducted as aforesaid.

Failure to attend meeting.

Penalty.

SEC. 27. The board of aldermen when convened shall have power to make such ordinances, rules and regulations for the proper government of the said city as they deem necessary, and provide for the proper execution thereof as they may think best.

Ordinances.

SEC. 28. Among the powers hereby conferred upon the board of aldermen are the following:

Powers of aldermen.

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